



Our Mission

100+ Women Who Care Effingham County is a group of philanthropic women dedicated to making a positive impact on Effingham County. Members commit to donating \$400 annually. The first \$100 supports the 100+ Women Who Care Effingham County Endowment, a fund of Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation, that will be used to serve future needs for years to come. The remaining \$300 is used to support the three nonprofits selected by the members throughout the year (\$100 at each meeting). For example, if we have 100 members, each quarter the group will award a \$10,000 grant to a local nonprofit organization.

Why should you become a member?

LOCAL IS IMPORTANT – You want 100% of your donations to go to a local charity in your community

LIMITED TIME BUT A BIG HEART – You may not have time in your busy life to volunteer but you do want to help those in need and can commit to 3 hours and \$400 per year

TOGETHER WE ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS – You want to be part of a powerful group that makes a lasting, positive and direct impact on Effingham County

CONNECTING – You enjoy meeting other women who care about the local community and causes

THE BASICS

2021 Meetings:

TBA

Meeting Times:

Registration/Social Hour: 5:00 pm
Meetings: 6:00 p.m.

Nominate (Optional)

Every member has the option of nominating a nonprofit organization for the group to support. If your charity is selected, you will have 5 minutes to present to the group why this charity deserves the group's support. Only 3 charities will be randomly selected at each meeting.

Vote

Members will vote on the 3 charities that were presented. The charity with the most votes is selected as that evening's grant recipient!

Give

Members will make a \$100 donation payable to the selected organization. All donations will be collected at the end of the meeting.

Observe the IMPACT

A check presentation and photo will be at the end of each meeting. Each selected organization will be asked to attend a meeting to present how the donation was/will be utilized to better Effingham County.

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2021 Membership Commitment Form

Name (required) _____

Street (required) _____

City, State, Zip (required) _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Place of Employment (if applicable) _____

Nonprofit Organization Affiliations (if applicable) _____

Preferred Contact Method (required): Email Text Postal Phone Call

_____ I am a new member _____ I am renewing my membership

_____ I am enclosing my \$100 endowment payment

_____ I am enclosing \$400 for my endowment AND all three meeting donations.

(The Community Foundation will issue checks to the selected organizations on your behalf.)

By signing below, I am committing to contributing \$400 per year to join 100+ Women Who Care of Effingham County. This includes a \$100 contribution for the 100+ Women Who Care of Effingham County Endowment plus three (3) quarterly contributions of \$100 each to the nonprofit organization serving Effingham County that is chosen by the membership of 100+ Women Who Care. I agree to honor my commitment even if I am not fond of the charity chosen. If I am unable to attend a quarterly meeting, I will give my check (which will serve as my proxy vote) to another member to deliver on my behalf or send my check to Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

To join, complete this membership form and mail with a \$100 check made payable to **100+ Women Who Care Effingham County**; c/o Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation; P.O. Box 1211; Effingham, IL 62401. For tax purposes, your charitable donation will be applied in the calendar year that you submit this form.



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Membership Rules



Welcome to 100+ Women Who Care Effingham County!

Please familiarize yourself with the following rules and procedures of 100+ Women Who Care Effingham County:

- Members agree to donate \$400 annually for 100+ Women Who Care. The first \$100 serves as membership dues and is added to the 100+ Women Who Care Effingham County Endowment directed by giving circle members to help meet future community needs. The remaining \$300 is used to support three nonprofits selected by the group throughout the year.
- Every paying member may propose a nonprofit to be considered for funding by entering the nonprofit's name and the name of the member who will be speaking on behalf of the organization. If you want to advocate for a certain group, but you do not want to speak, you may submit the name of another member to speak for the organization. The speaker **MUST** be a member.
- During the meeting, three different organizations will be drawn from all those proposed. The member whose name is on the proposal form will be asked to speak for up to five minutes on behalf of the identified organization. Following, there will be a three-minute question period. During this time, only questions are allowed and only the speaker may answer the questions.
- Present members will be asked to vote. Once the votes are tallied, all members will be asked to write their check for \$100 to the organization receiving the most votes before they leave the venue. **Checks must be made out to the receiving organization** (*If you paid all \$400 at the beginning of the year, the Community Foundation will issue a check to the selected organization on your behalf*).
- In case of a tie, the members present shall vote again to decide which of the tied organizations shall be awarded the funding.
- The default fund for those not wishing to donate to the selected nonprofit for religious or personal reasons will be the **100+ Women Who Care Effingham County Endowment**.
- Absent members may appoint another member to serve as proxy to submit their vote. All proxy votes must be accompanied by the absent member's checks.
- Once a nonprofit organization is awarded a grant, that nonprofit may not be nominated again for the next 2 years.



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